Washington, **D.C.** - Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) announced that the House will vote on H.R. 2764, the FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations bill. The bill includes \$21,130,929 in funding Bean requested for the following projects in earlier versions of the bill:

Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Butterfield Rd., IL Rt. 60/ Canadian National Railroad Grade Separation:

\$245,000 to implement phase one of a project to add grade separations of the Canadian National Railroad at Route 60 and Butterfield Road at IL Route 60. Turn lane traffic at this intersection is very heavy during peak periods—especially when trains are using the rail crossing only 500 feet past the intersection. Grade separations will reduce delays on this critical east-west arterial highway, which has been designated part of the Strategic Regional Arterial highway system in northeastern Illinois.

Illinois Route 120 Corridor: \$980,000 for

phase one engineering of a section of the Illinois Route 120 corridor between U.S. Route 12 and Illinois Route 131. Creating the Illinois Route 120 Corridor will be a coordinated effort including several local municipalities, Lake County, and the state of Illinois in order to reduce congestion and increase traffic flow in this rapidly growing area.

Meacham Road Tollway Access
Ramps: \$245,000 for
phase one engineering of a west-bound
off ramp at Meacham Road from U.S.
Interstate 90 to help reduce congestion in
this busy office, retail, tourist and
residential area.

Miller Road Widening: \$245,000 to help widen Miller Road from Illinois Route 31 to River Road. This funding will compliment the \$6,364,000 that was received in SAFETEA-LU for improvements to Miller Road. Widening Miller to four lanes will help ease traffic congestion on this heavily traveled north-south thoroughfare.

Metra Development of Suburban Transit Access Route Line: \$7,227,500 requested with other Members of the Illinois Delegation for preliminary engineering and

environmental assessment work for the Metra Suburban Transit Access Route Line (STAR) Line. This suburb to suburb commuter rail line, which was authorized under SAFETEA-LU, would link more than 100 Chicagoland communities and is vital to alleviating traffic congestion, providing new commuting opportunities, and linking communities and places of business, which promotes additional economic development.

Metra Expansion and **Upgrade of Union Pacific Northwest Line:** \$7,227,500 requested in conjunction with other Members of the Illinois Delegation for preliminary engineering of upgrades to the Metra Union Pacific NorthWest Line (Metra's second busiest line), including a new station, an extension of track, new facilities, and enhanced overall service.

Financial Services

Illinois Institute of Technology's Innovating Manufacturing Education Project: \$282,000 for an initiative to create and

disseminate improved models for innovation among small and medium sized manufacturers. Funding for this project will help create curricula for innovation research and education of the next generation of U.S. engineers, scientists and industrial managers working in manufacturing.

It will develop innovative research and development demonstration projects with small and medium-sized manufacturers that address issues of sustainability in both products and processes.

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

\$28,493 via the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention's Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion program for the Wauconda Obesity Prevention Project, which addresses the growing health problem of childhood obesity at elementary schools in Lake County.

This funding will bring into the program all third, fourth and fifth graders at all three elementary schools in Wauconda Community School District 118 and deliver comprehensive health education, including nutrition

education, physical activity and parental involvement.

Children's Memorial Hospital Intensive Care Unit Facilities: \$502,072 (requested with other Members) to help build a new hospital that will allow Children's Memorial to continue providing all

children in the region with access to the best pediatric medicine and the most advanced cures, treatments and technology in a family-centered environment.

Kids Hope United Multi-Systemic

Therapy Program: \$258,405 for Kids Hope United to expand its Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) Program to provide services to high-risk youth and their families.

The MST program targets youth ages 10-17 who are at high risk of out-of-home placement.

This funding allows Kids Hope United to expand its MST services to serve 46 additional high-risk youth annually.

McHenry County Community College: \$383,186 for McHenry County Community

College's Employer Identified Occupational Training FAST Solutions program, which provides flexible and sustainable workforce training

in a "boot camp" format that is designed to provide intensive, short-term occupational training in specific fields identified by employers through

their participation on the McHenry County Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

Shedd Aquarium's 8th Congressional District

Education, Community **Outreach and** Mentoring Initiative: \$143,4 49 for a project that highlights the **Great Lakes** aquatic ecosystem through an interactive, multifaceted program that also incorporates community outreach, teen mentor and stewardship

programs at Illinois Beach State Park in Zion.

Commerce, Justice and Science

Firing Range **Equipment for** the Lake Zurich **Police** Department: \$211,500 for the

purchase of firing range equipment. The Lake Zurich Police Department offers on-site classroom

training to area law-enforcement organizations, the Illinois State Police, the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy, the

Lake County Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This facility has a built-in a firing

range but lacks the equipment needed to operate it. Federal funds to purchase equipment like mechanical

target tracks, shot traps and a control room will help the department include on-site firearms training and improve the

firearms
proficiency of
area law
enforcement
personnel.

Interoperable Communicatio ns Equipment for Barrington **Area First** Responders: \$493,500 for interoperable

communications equipment portable radios, mobile radios and consolettes - to the Barrington-Inver ness Police

Department, the Barrington Hills Police Department and the Barrington-Coun tryside Fire Department.

Currently, these agencies have incompatible equipment, which prevents efficient communication with each other

during emergencies. New interoperable communications equipment will allow seamless communication

among area police and firefighters, and will allow the agencies to participate in the Illinois statewide first responder

communications network Starcom21.

Lake County

Integrated Criminal Justice Information System: \$451,200 to assist with the

integration of the computer networks of all individual police departments in Lake County with each of the

County's criminal justice departments and to provide a universal interface with the State of

Illinois. Currently, the criminal justice systems in Lake County have no automated flow

of information and are suffering from systematic redundancy. This funding will allow the

County to continue implementation of its comprehensive integration and modernization

program.

Public Law Enforcement

Communicati on System for McHenry County: \$540,500 for the planning and design of

a new public law enforcement communication system in McHenry County. The

McHenry County Sheriff's Department's radio system is currently operating all

channels at capacity, which hinders the interoperability of public safety communication s systems. A

transition to an 800MHz public communication s system will allow for full interoperability between ten

McHenry County law enforcement agencies and the six counties participating in the regional public safety communication s project "Prairie Shield."

McHenry County Integrated Criminal

Justice Information System: \$94,000 to assist with the integration of the computer

networks of all of the police departments in McHenry County with each of the County's

criminal justice departments. McHenry County is in the process of modernizing

the computer technology of the Courts, State's Attorney, Public Defender,

Sheriff's Office and Jail. This technology upgrade is a critical step toward integrating the

County's criminal justice information system, and this federal funding will

help continue this project to allow McHenry County to completely utilize the

benefits of a fully integrated criminal justice system.

Energy and Water

Des Plaines River (Phase II): \$362,112 in

Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration funding for the Des Plaines River (Phase II) project. The Des Plaines

River is 67 miles long, flows through 33 municipalities and floods

frequently. The communities along the Des Plaines River have

suffered considerable flood damage in previous years. Flood damages

currently average \$25 million a year along the upper reaches of

the Des Plaines River, and severe flooding in 1986 and

1987 caused over \$100 million in damages. Phase II includes a

comprehensi ve watershed plan and environmenta Irestoration projects

throughout the watershed to help control flooding.

Squaw Creek

(Round Lake Drain): \$718,312 in Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

funding for the Squaw Creek (Round Lake Drain). Rapid

growth in this area of Lake County has led to increased storm-water

runoff into Squaw Creek. This project specifically focuses on

Round Lake Drain and includes funding to control and minimize the

damage of storm water runoff.

Interior

Village of Johnsburg Wastewater Treatment

Facility: \$492,200 to assist the Village of Johnsburg with the

construction of a centralized wastewater treatment and

collection system. This project involves the elimination of an

estimated 300,000,000 gallons of raw or partially treated

wastewater that is being discharged from failed or failing septic tanks

into the Fox River each year. The Village of Johnsburg is currently

the largest municipality on the Illinois portion of the Fox

River that lacks a sewer system.

